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ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

S.B. 721 -- Melton, et al

Any agency promulgating a rule that will result in an expenditure or loss of revenue of at least \$500 to the state, any political subdivision, any person or any business entity must prepare a fiscal note for the proposed rule. The note is to be published with the proposed rule in the Mo. Register. If the proposed rule is altered so that the altered rule will result in at least a 10 percent change in the expenditure or loss of revenue, a new note must be published. At the end of the first full fiscal year, a new note must be published if the actual cost of the rule was at least 10 percent higher than the amount specified in the original note. Any rule promulgated that does not comply with the fiscal note requirements is void and of no force or effect.

Approved 4-19-78

H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 939 and 1350

The committee on administrative rules may suspend all or part of a rule promulgated by a state agency. Before suspending the rule, a public hearing on the rule must be held. If the rule is suspended, notice of the suspension is to be given to the secretary of state for inclusion in the Mo. Register. The rule is suspended 48 hours after the secretary receives the committee's notice. It remains suspended until the general assembly acts on a bill to sustain the committee's action. If the committee is not sustained, the rule becomes effective 30 days after notice is published in the Mo. Register that the committee has not been sustained. The committee may require an agency to either rescind a communication not promulgated as a rule or promulgate the communication as a rule. If the agency refuses for at least 30 days, the communication is void. Vetoed 4-4-78

AGRICULTURE

S.B. 503 -- Merrell, et al

Grain inspection fee fund established in the state treasury for fees collected under the grain warehouse law. The fund is to be used to pay salaries and expenses for administering the grain warehouse law. The general assembly is authorized to loan the fund not to exceed \$500,000 which is to be repaid from the fund within fifteen months. Emergency clause. Approved 5-9-78

S.B. 683 -- Tinnin

Director of agriculture to appoint apiary inspectors to inspect bees and bee hives for bee diseases or other pests. Costs of inspection to be paid by the owner at the time of inspection and are not contingent upon certification of

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of bees. If bees found healthy, inspector to issue certificate of health to owner. If bee disease is found, director of agriculture to notify owner and inform him of proper ways of treating infected colonies. Any apiary infected with contagious, infectious bee disease may be quarantined and eradicated. Permit from director of agriculture required to bring bees or beekeeping equipment into state. A sunset provision is included requiring approval of all rules promulgated and terminating the authority to promulgate rules on November 30, 1981.
Approved 5-30-78

S.S. for S.B. 685

Nonresident aliens are prohibited from owning more than 5 acres of agricultural land or from leasing agricultural land for more than 10 years. Only land purchased after August 13, 1978 is affected. The attorney general is to insure compliance with the bill. An alien violating this bill must divest himself of the land within 2 years after a court order to do so. If the land is acquired in payment for a debt, it can be held for 10 years.
Approved 4-28-78

S.B. 690 -- Tinnin

Self propelled hay-hauling equipment, implements of husbandry or vehicles temporarily transporting implements of husbandry exempted from general restrictions on the width, height and length of motor vehicles operated on the highways. "Implements of husbandry" defined as all self propelled machinery operated at speeds of less than 30 miles per hour, specifically designed for, or especially adapted to be capable of, incidental over-the-road and primary off-road usage and used exclusively for the application of plant food materials or agricultural chemicals, and not specifically designed or intended for transportation of such chemicals and materials.
Vetoed 6-15-78

H.B. 895 -- Seay, et al

Puts regulatory powers of commissioner of securities over securities issued by agricultural cooperatives and their sales representatives. Increases certain filing, registration and opinion fees. Approved 6-13-78

H.B. 1816 -- Westfall, et al

Modifies control of diseased animal laws. Removes names of diseases and refers to them as dangerous and infectious diseases. Changes procedures for treating, quarantining and indemnifying owners of tuberculosis reactor cattle. Emergency clause. Approved 5-10-78

AIRPORTS

S.B. 581 -- Dirck, et al
Extends expiration date of Missouri-St. Louis Metropolitan Airport Authority to December 31, 1980.
Approved 6-8-78

H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 1116 and 1117
Cities, towns and counties may individually be allotted up to \$25,000 in any one fiscal year or not exceeding \$75,000 in any consecutive five fiscal years for planning, purchase, construction or improvement of airports. Jointly may receive up to \$50,000 in any one fiscal year or not exceeding \$100,000 in any consecutive five fiscal years. Requests to be channeled through state department of transportation, and it is authorized to cooperate with United States or its agencies in the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance and operation of airports. Approved 6-13-78

APPROPRIATIONS

H.B. 1001 -- Goode
Appropriate money from seminary moneys fund for use of University of Missouri, from state public school fund to state board of education, and from second state building bond interest and sinking fund for use of the state board of fund commissioners. Approved 4-3-78

C.C.S. for H.B. 1002
Appropriate money for the expenses, grants and distributions of the state board of education and of the department of elementary and secondary education, and to transfer money from the general revenue fund to the state school moneys fund. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1003
Appropriate money for the expenses, grants and distributions of the department of higher education.
Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1004
Appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the department of revenue, and to transfer money from the conservation commission fund to the general revenue fund. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1005
Appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the chief executive's office and mansion, and elected state officials. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

APPROPRIATIONS (continued)

C.C.S. for H.B. 1006

Appropriate money for the expenses, grants and distributions of the judiciary. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1007

Appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the department of agriculture, department of conservation, department of consumer affairs, regulation and licensing, department of labor and industrial relations, and the department of natural resources. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1008

Appropriate money for the expenses, grants, refunds and distributions of the department of highways, department of public safety, and the department of transportation. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1009

Appropriate money for the expenses, grants and distributions of the department of mental health and the department of social services. Approved 5-3-78 - line veto

C.C.S. for H.B. 1010

Appropriate money for payment of salaries and other expenses of the members and committees of the general assembly. Approved 5-3-78

C.C.S. for H.B. 1011

Appropriate money for capital improvements for repairs, maintenance, installation or replacement of building components, equipment, or mechanical systems. Approved 5-4-78

C.C.S. for H.B. 1012

Appropriate money for planning, capital improvements, additions and renovations, new structures and land improvement or acquisition. Approved 5-4-78 - line veto

H.B. 1013 -- Goode

Appropriate money for capital improvements and other purposes for the several departments of state government from designated funds. Approved 5-4-78

C.C.S. for H.B. 1014

Appropriate money for emergency and supplemental purposes for the several departments and officers of state government, and for the payment of various claims for refunds. Approved 4-25-78

APPROPRIATIONS (continued)

H.B. 1603 -- Goode
Prohibits the transfer of funds appropriated to a program, division or other unit within a department to another program, division or unit within the same department. Emergency clause. Vetoed 3-22-78

BLIND PERSONS

H.B. 881 -- Sharp, et al
Raise pension for blind persons from \$135.00 to \$160.00 per month. Approved 6-8-78

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

S.B. 661 -- Bradshaw, et al
Administrative hearings commission given jurisdiction over appeals from actions of the supervisor of liquor control, division of health, and department of mental health in relation to licensing procedures. Administrative hearings commission to review actions of director of revenue in license and taxation appeals. Salary of administrative hearings commissioners increased. Each individual administrative hearings commissioner to have all power granted to entire commission. Procedure before the administrative hearings commission simplified and requirements for appeals and decisions by the commission specified. Administrative hearings commission may decide validity or applicability of any rule, regulation, resolution, announced policy, applied policy or any similar official or unofficial interpretation or implementation of state agency authority other than in a contested case. Approved 6-13-78

H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 949 and 1266
Procedures relating to human rights commission hearings, discriminatory employment and other unlawful discriminatory practices altered to allow claim by individuals discriminated against by reason of sex or handicap. Provides appeal under administrative procedure act. Allows certain expenses for members of human rights commission when hearing complaints and expands scope of hearings. Approved 6-13-78

H.B. 1057 -- Randall
State banking board shall render decisions on appeal from actions of the director of division of finance within 90 days from the date of application for appeal. The board shall also establish rules which may provide that the board may delegate responsibility for conduct of investigations and hearing of appeals to a member of the board or hearing officer designated by the board. Such hearing officer has the power to administer oaths, subpoena witness, compel production of records and take

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any action board is authorized to take by law other than making final decision and appropriate order. Hearing officer to prepare summary, recommend a finding of facts, conclusion of law, decision and appropriate order for approval of the board. The board may adopt the recommendation in whole or in part, require additional testimony, reassign case for rehearing or rehear the case itself. Approved 6-12-78

BONDS

S.B. 499 -- Merrell, et al
Authorizes \$28 million in additional water pollution control bonds. Approved 6-12-78

CHILDREN AND MINORS

S.B. 765 -- Manford
Coroner or medical examiner shall perform autopsy on child between one week and one year of age that dies suddenly when in apparent good health. Parent's consent required for autopsy. County to pay for autopsy, but state to reimburse county. Division of health to receive results of autopsy and to inform parents of results. Division may fund research on prevention of sudden infant death syndrome. Emergency clause. Approved 4-27-78

S.C.S. for H.B. 914
Adoption of Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act which provides when courts in this state have jurisdiction to make a child custody determination by initial or modification decree. Also provides for notice, service of process, hearings, pleadings, effect of decrees and other procedural devices. Approved 6-14-78

H.B. 972 -- Weber, et al
Establishes procedure for termination of parental rights setting forth conditions for filing of a petition, establishing jurisdiction of juvenile court, providing for counsel and hearing, presentation of evidence, investigations and reports, and orders relating to the findings. Approved 6-13-78

CITIES

S.B. 594 -- Caskey
The number of petitioners required to call an election in a city of the 3rd class in order to abandon an optional form of city government and revert to the general law or a special charter is lowered from 25 percent of those casting votes for governor to 10 percent. Approved 5-30-78

CITIES (continued)

- H.B. 1823 -- Lynn
The provisions of sections 64.170 to 64.200, relating to regulations for building permits and license to engage in electrical wiring or installation adopted by building commissions in 1st or 2nd class counties, shall not apply to any city within the county having or hereafter having a population of more than 120,000 inhabitants. Approved 6-12-78

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- S.S. for S.C.S. for H.B. 1610
Defines interests of and conduct by elected or appointed officials and employees of the state or any political subdivision which would constitute an illegal conflict of interest between their service to the state or political subdivision and their private interests and prohibits such activity. Approved 6-15-78

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

- S.J.R. 31 -- Welliver
Secretary of state is permitted to convene the state board of canvassers at any time before the second Tuesday of December after the general election in order to open and canvass the votes cast for state officers at the election.
- S.J.R. 35 -- Melton
Moneys, fees and funds paid to the conservation commission may be used to make payments as provided by law to political subdivisions that are in lieu of real property taxes. The method and amount of the payments are to be determined by general law of the general assembly. In lieu payments are to be made for all real property acquired by the commission after July 1, 1977, and real property classified as forest cropland that is administered by the department of conservation.
- C.C.S. for S.J.R. 37
The general assembly by general law may require political subdivisions to reduce the rate of levy of property taxes imposed pursuant to law or the state constitution.
- H.J.R. 67 -- Butts, et al
Counties may level an additional tax not exceeding fifty cents on each hundred dollars assessed valuation for road and bridge purposes provided that before it may be increased above thirty-five cents it must be approved by a majority of voters voting on the increase.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (continued)

H.C.S. for H.J.R. 87

A legislative body which stipulates amount and type of retirement benefits for elected or appointed public officials shall, before taking final action on a proposed change in benefits, have a qualified actuary prepare a statement regarding the cost of the change. The general assembly shall provide by law applicable standards and requirements governing the preparation, content, and disposition of such statements of cost.

CORPORATIONS

S.B. 761

-- Manford, et al

The general and business corporation law made applicable to industrial development corporations, except to extent that law relating specifically to industrial development corporations conflicts with general provisions, specific law to prevail. Approved 6-7-78

S.B. 762

-- Manford, et al

Repeals provision requiring the forfeiture and cancellation of a professional corporation's existence and rights if it fails to file an anti-trust affidavit. Approved 4-19-78

H.C.S. for S.B. 820

Missouri take-over bid disclosure act. Requires person or corporation making take-over bids to purchase controlling shares of a corporation, to file with director of finance, and company to be taken over, a statement of name and business experience of offeror and associates and details of the proposed take-over bid. Approved 6-7-78

COSMETOLOGY

H.B. 1378

-- Marriott, et al

Create classification of instructor trainee for persons required to be licensed by the state board of cosmetology. Requirements for licensing as an instructor or an instructor trainee are specified. Prohibits denial of a license as an instructor solely on the basis of having previously been convicted of a felony. Increase fees for an instructor's license. Proof of continuing education is required for license renewal. Approved 4-25-78

COUNTIES

H.C.S. for S.B. 775

Increased compensation for county court judges, county court clerks, collectors of revenue, county auditors, prosecuting attorneys and circuit clerks in 1st class noncharter counties effective upon election of person

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to the position. Additional duty and compensation for assessors in 1st class noncharter counties until 9-1-81. After 9-1-81, increased compensation for such assessor without additional duty. Additional duty and compensation for treasurers and sheriffs in 1st class noncharter counties until 1-1-81. After 1-1-81 increased compensation for such officials without additional duty. Increased compensation for recorder of deeds in St. Louis City effective upon election of person to position. Approved 6-14-78

COUNTY OFFICERS

Assessor

S.B. 779 -- Webster, et al
County assessor in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class counties and each township, increase in compensation for requirement to place identification numbers, letters or names of all political subdivisions on land and personal property lists. Approved 4-25-78

Prosecuting Attorney

S.B. 769 -- Snowden
Increase the compensation of the prosecuting attorney of Jefferson, Platte, Boone and Buchanan counties. Jackson county counselor, with approval of county legislature, may employ special county counselor to represent the county in prosecuting or defending any suit by or against the county or county official. Approved 6-14-78

H.B. 1052 -- Randall
Increase fees allowed prosecuting attorneys.
Approved 6-12-78

Sheriff

S.B. 752 -- Dennis
County sheriff's compensation increased for the performance of additional duties. Sheriffs in 2nd class counties to establish identification system of personal property. Sheriffs in 3rd class counties to report quarterly to circuit court on condition of the county jail, the number of prisoners confined in the jail and recommendations on operation of jail. Sheriffs in all counties, except St. Louis City and counties having charter form of government, to establish identification system for identification of personal property.
Approved 6-12-78

S.B. 792 -- Panethiere
In criminal proceedings where state court issues warrant for arrest of accused out of state and extradition is waived, state required to pay all expenses incurred by

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Sheriff (continued)

sheriff or his deputy as if there had been extradition regardless of ultimate disposition of case.
Approved 6-7-78

- H.B. 880 -- Sharp, et al
Mandatory training program for persons elected to the office of sheriff for first time. To be formulated by superintendent of highway patrol after consultation with Missouri sheriffs and their professional organizations. Program to consist of at least 120 hours of instruction covering all major phases of law enforcement, completed within six months after his election, and if a sheriff-elect is enrolled he shall be a county employee with compensation equal to that of sheriff. State to pay tuition, room and board for newly elected sheriffs and sheriffs-elect attending program. Approved 5-30-78

COURTS

- H.B. 1634 -- O'Toole, et al
Statutes relating to courts and certain procedures altered to conform to new judicial article of the constitution. Approved 6-15-78
- S.B. 848 -- Bradshaw
Abolish office of chief clerk of the magistrate court in Greene county. Duties transferred to the circuit clerk of Greene county. Circuit clerk to receive salary of \$22,000 - \$10,000 paid by the county and \$12,000 paid by the state. Effective 12-31-78. Approved 4-19-78

COURTS, JUVENILE

- H.B. 1684 -- Ottinger, et al
Juvenile court subsidies for families of adopted children shall be paid only for children who were eligible for foster care payments under the homeless, dependent and neglected foster care program. Formerly covered only those children who actually received payments.
Approved 6-14-78

DENTISTS

- S.B. 625 -- Murray, et al
Dentists may advertise or solicit patronage so long as the advertising or soliciting does not confuse, deceive or mislead the public as to the need or necessity for or appropriateness of dental or health care services for all patients, or the qualifications of any individual person to diagnose, render or perform such dental or health care services. Approved 6-7-78

DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICTS

H.B. 1599 -- DeField, et al
Drainage and levee districts, granted an extension of time of corporate existence, are deemed to have fully complied with all provisions of law, including the time within which application for the extension must be made, if the extension is not set aside for good cause shown within 90 days of the effective date of this act.
Emergency clause. Approved 3-9-78

DRUGS, GENERIC

H.C.S. for H.B. 933
Pharmacist may substitute an equivalent generic drug for a drug prescribed by a doctor if the doctor and the patient both agree to the substitution. All prescription forms are to have doctor signature spaces marked "dispense as written" on the right side of the bottom of the form and "substitutions permitted" on the left side of the bottom of the form. The department of C.A.R.L. is to publish a list of drug products for which substitution is not permitted. If a generic substitution is made, the name of or abbreviation for the manufacturer of the substitute shall be placed on the label of the container of the prescription. The label of any drug sold at wholesale requiring a prescription for dispensing at retail is to contain the manufacturer's name, expiration date, if any, batch or lot number and national drug code.
Effective 1-1-1979. Approved 4-25-78

EASEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES

S.B. 851 -- Bradshaw
Convey a tract of land in Greene county previously used by department of mental health to United Cerebral Palsy of Southwest Missouri. Approved 6-12-78

S.B. 873 -- Gant
State to conduct public auction and governor authorized to convey to highest bidder land in Kansas City previously used by department of elementary and secondary education.
Approved 6-14-78

S.B. 893 -- Frappier
Easement to Missouri Edison Company if the company grants to the state \$10 and a release of an easement granted to the company by the Fort Zumwalt School District R-2. The new easement will be in land of the state school for the severely handicapped in St. Charles county. The easement is to allow the company to build and maintain an electric transmission and distribution line. Approved 4-19-78

S.C.S. for S.B. 956
Governor authorized to issue quitclaim deed for described properties in Hickory county for purposes of clearing up title questions. Approved 6-7-78

EASEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES (continued)

- H.B. 1154 -- DeField
Convey approximately one acre of land to the Scott-New Madrid-Mississippi counties cerebral palsy affiliate for use as a cerebral palsy center. The land reverts to the state if it is not used for a cerebral palsy center. Emergency clause. Approved 4-3-78
- S.C.S. for H.B. 1187
Authorizes the granting of two easements to the city of Boonville for the purpose of constructing, using, altering, repairing and maintaining a street or streets through the land of the training school for boys.
Approved 5-30-78
- H.B. 1244 -- Dames
Authorizes department of natural resources to deed land in St. Charles county to the city of O'Fallon, such land now known as Fort Zumwalt State Park, by quitclaim deed. The land reverts to the state if no longer used as a park or is deeded to a third party. Approved 6-1-78
- H.B. 1569 --- Butts, et al
Authorizes lease of certain lands of the department of natural resources in Miller county to the city of Osage Beach for recreational purposes for a period not to exceed 25 years. Approved 6-7-78
- H.B. 1613 -- Holt, et al
The state of Missouri consents to the acquisition of additional land in Missouri by the United States to be used as sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices or needful buildings required for military purposes. The state reserves certain rights with respect to the land and the service of process to persons on the ceded land. Approved 4-19-78
- H.B. 1738 -- Holt
Easement across lands of state hospital in Fulton for purposes of constructing, using, repairing, altering and maintaining a water line to Lemmie L. Rose, John Douglas and Clinton Bartley, their heirs and assigns.
Approved 6-8-78

ELECTIONS

- S.C.S. for S.B. 582
Notices in elections in counties with population over 900,000 to state whether the election is national, state, county, municipal, special purpose, district or special election in lieu of stating the agency calling the election. Notice also to state voter's township, election precinct, municipality, school district and fire district.

ELECTIONS (continued)

S.C.S. for S.B. 582 (continued)

Absentee ballot cards may be processed as received for tabulation on election day. Verification and tallying of write-in votes may be done at county center by teams of election authority employees in lieu of at the polling place. Approved 6-8-78

H.C.S. for S.B. 727

Referendum to be held August 8, 1978 on question of whether Meramec Dam and Lake should be constructed, for voters in Crawford, Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, St. Louis, Iron, Phelps, Dent, St. Francois, Maries, Gasconade and St. Charles counties and the city of St. Louis. Costs of the election to be paid by the counties and city conducting the election. Approved 4-12-78

S.B. 774

-- Snowden

Voting machines with printed election return mechanisms are not to be opened, but the printed return sheets and votes written in constitute the official return sheet. Emergency clause. Approved 4-28-78

C.C.S. for S.C.S. for S.B. 839

Establishes reporting requirements and deadlines campaign contributions and campaign expenditures. Establishes campaign finance review board to review compliance with law. Secretary of state to prepare form and receive reports. Local candidates to file in county of residence. Separate effective dates for portions of the bill. Approved 6-15-78

H.B. 971

-- Burke, et al

Clears up H.B. 101 of the 79th general assembly, first regular session. Eliminates several conflicting provisions and corrects other discrepancies. Approved 6-8-78

H.B. 1694

-- Marriott, et al

Declarations of candidacy are to be filed with the county clerk if two boards of election commissioners exist in the county (Jackson county). The county clerk of such a county also is to certify cumulative returns of the election and mail to the secretary of state abstracts of the votes in the county for national, state and judicial officers and for initiative, referendum and constitutional questions appearing on the ballot. Emergency clause. Approved 4-3-78

H.B. 1820

-- Randall, et al

Each ward or township is entitled to elect a man and a woman to serve on the county committee of each established political party. An error in the election code prohibited wards from continuing to elect members to the county committee. Emergency clause. Approved 4-12-78

EMPLOYEE-EMPLOYER

S.B. 497 -- Merrell, et al
State shall pay employee's health insurance in an amount not to exceed \$23.65. Members of the public school retirement system who are employed by the state but not an institution of higher learning are members of the Missouri state employees insurance program. Health insurance benefits to cover unemancipated children under 23 years (formerly 21). Health insurance benefits are to be paid to employees who rely on spiritual means for healing. Effective 1-1-1979. Approved 4-28-78

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

H.B. 1824 -- McKamey
Removes December 31, 1977 as the date after which benefits shall not be paid for service for any week of unemployment in the period between two academic years in which there is a contract or reasonable assurance that such individuals in the field of education will perform services in the second academic year. Emergency clause. Approved 5-18-78

FAMILY SERVICES

S.B. 492 -- Merrell, et al
Cost of living increases in social security or federal supplement income programs not to reduce state assistance when a cost of living increase in social security occurs. Aid to blind, \$160 per month less any federal supplemental security income payment; licensed boarding home payments, \$120; practical care, \$300 (formerly \$200); domiciliary care, \$225 (formerly \$150). Medicaid payments to any individual 21 years and older for home health care services. Effective 7-1-1979. Approved 4-28-78

S.C.S. for S.B. 505
Medicaid to pay for not more than 80 percent of the lesser of reasonable costs or customary charges for outpatient hospital services. Payment is to be made only for services approved as being medically necessary by a review committee. The division of family services may deny payment for outpatient hospital services they deem not to be medically necessary. Effective 7-1-1979. Approved 6-14-78

S.B. 596 -- Caskey
Raises limit on value of property a claimant may possess or have an interest in to \$20,500 and still remain eligible for public assistance. Previous level was \$10,500. Approved 6-13-78 *Effective 7-1-1979*

S.B. 671 Services of podiatrists, see "Podiatry"

FEEES AND SALARIES

S.S. No. 4 for S.C.S. for H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 1121 and 1257
Increased compensation for county court judges in 2nd, 3rd and 4th class counties; license collector and treasurer of the city of St. Louis; county treasurers in 3rd and 4th class counties; coroners in 3rd class counties, and prosecuting attorneys in 2nd class counties, effective upon election of person to the office. Increased compensation for all court reporters effective 8-13-78. Increased compensation for all circuit clerks, and recorders of deeds having an office separate from that of circuit clerk and not in a 1st class county, effective 12-31-78. Increased compensation and extra duty for county treasurers in 2nd class counties until 1-1-81. Increased compensation without additional duties for such treasurers after new person elected to office. Approved 6-13-78

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- S.B. 657 -- Welliver
Financial institutions in addition to banks, trust companies, stock or mutual insurance and surety companies may become members of development finance corporations. These financial institutions may lend funds to the corporation and invest in the corporation's stock, notes and evidences of indebtedness in amounts permitted. Bonds, securities and other evidences of indebtedness and shares of capital stock of a development finance corporation are exempt from the uniform securities law (chapter 409, RSMo). Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 794 -- Gant, et al
Banking facilities separate from main banking house facilities may make loans. Approved 6-8-78
- S.B. 795 -- Gant
Savings and loan association must publish financial statements within 30 days after the end of its fiscal year (formerly published in January). Approved 4-25-78
- S.C.S. for H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 896 and 897
Financial institutions to prepare reports every 7 years of all unclaimed deposits in the institutions valued in excess of \$50. If no claim is made for the funds within 180 days after notice of the fund is published and sent to the last known address of the depositor, the funds are abandoned. The abandoned funds are paid over to the state treasurer within 30 days. All moneys in the abandoned property fund in excess of \$500,000 are to be transferred to general revenue. A claim for payment of property declared to be abandoned may be filed at any time within 21 years after the property is declared abandoned. Approved 4-27-78

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (continued)

H.B. 1242 -- Copeland
Two percent tax on all earnings of savings and loan associations replaced by seven percent income tax on earnings after all deductions are allowed. Effective date and termination date provide for three year formula for implementation of act. Vetoed 6-15-78

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

H.C.S. for S.S. for S.B. 628
Fire protection districts to consist of contiguous tracts or parcels of property containing all or part of one or more counties. No person holding public office or public employment to be director of fire protection district. Approved 6-7-78

H.B. 1115 -- Smith, 46th Dist., et al
Fiscal year of the boards of fire protection districts shall be the same as the calendar year, beginning January 1st of each year and ending December 31st of the same year. Approved 6-7-78

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

S.B. 823 -- Manford
Legislation, other than appropriation bills, introduced in the general assembly to be submitted to the committee on state fiscal affairs for preparation of fiscal note, which is to include cost of legislation to state, impact on existing programs and political subdivisions, whether federal law mandates the legislation, and probability of new physical facilities being required. Fiscal note may be revised throughout bills passage to reflect amendments. Effective 7-1-79. Approved 6-8-78

HANDICAPPED PERSONS

H.B. 1203 -- McCubbin, et al
Special school districts may be formed for the purpose of providing special education services for handicapped and severely handicapped children. Such services may be for special education or vocational education or both. Vetoed 6-15-78

HIGHWAY PATROL

S.B. 763 -- Manford, et al
Increases base compensation for officers and patrolmen of the highway patrol. Approved 5-18-78

S.B. 772 -- Snowden, et al
Increases the number of majors in highway patrol by 2 for a total of 5 authorized; number of captains by 4 for a total of 20 authorized; number of lieutenants by 11 for a total of 46 authorized, and total number of personnel

HIGHWAY PATROL (continued)

S.B. 772 (continued)

of highway patrol by 100 for a total of 900 authorized.
Effective 7-1-79. Approved 5-18-78

H.B. 1048 -- Randall, et al

Repeals the \$25 per month maximum uniform allowance for
the highway patrol. Approved 5-18-78

HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

H.S. for H.B. 1155

Makes it clear that municipal housing authorities have
the powers to manage and operate housing projects owned
by it, and also that they may contract with private
owners to manage, lease and operate any rental, cooperative
or condominium housing project within its jurisdiction.
However, when an authority lies within an unincorporated
area of a 1st class county having a charter form of govern-
ment and that unincorporated area is bordered by a city
or cities of the 3rd class, the city shall give approval
to the authority before it can construct, alter, repair
or improve within the area. Approved 6-7-78

INSURANCE

H.B. 1302 -- Fendler, et al

Director of insurance to collect and analyze data in
connection with property and casualty insurance and to
provide for review of town grading schedules for
residential fire insurance. Require reports from
insurers or rating organizations when changes are made
affecting town rating schedules and other reports
containing statistics on claims, payments, suits filed,
and other required data. Approved 6-7-78

H.B. 1447 -- Pieskarski, et al

Definition of persons engaged in the business of insurance
expanded to include medical or hospital service plans.
Expands definition of unfair methods of competition, and
gives division of insurance increased powers to regulate
unfair and deceptive practices by insurance companies.
Approved 6-8-78

JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS

S.B. 506 -- Wiggins, et al

Three judges are added to the Kansas City district of
the Mo. court of appeals beginning January 1, 1979.
Approved 6-14-78

S.B. 632 -- Murray, et al

Two circuit judges added to St. Louis county circuit
court. St. Louis county circuit judges, by majority

JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS (continued)

S.B. 632 (continued)

vote, may make rules concerning the assignment and disposition of cases in the circuit and other necessary rules, effective January 1, 1979.
Approved 4-25-78

S.B. 729 -- Dinger, et al
One judge added to the Springfield district court of appeals beginning January 1, 1979. Approved 6-12-78

S.B. 950 -- Caskey
Increase compensation of probate judges in counties of the 2nd class having a population of less than 65,000 to \$32,800 (Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cole, Franklin, Pettis, Platte and St. Francois counties).
Approved 4-25-78

JURIES

S.B. 623 -- Murphy, et al
Jury commissioner in Jackson county and in St. Louis city, increase in compensation. The compensation of the Jackson county jury commissioner is to be determined by the Jackson county board of jury commissioners, but is not to be less than \$15,000. Approved 5-31-78

LICENSES

S.B. 547 -- Mueller
Increases the annual fee for a real estate broker's license from \$7.50 to \$10.00. Increases the annual fee for real estate salesmen's license from \$3.75 to \$5.00. Allows reciprocity for nonresidents upon payment of fee equal to fee charged nonresidents in other state if similar reciprocity is extended to residents of Missouri. Approved 6-14-78

S.B. 811 -- Welliver, et al
Redefines real estate broker and real estate salesperson. Specifies standards and procedures for acquiring licenses. Establishes accreditation standards and licensing requirements for institutions or organizations desiring to conduct a school or offer instruction to prepare person to become licensed as real estate broker or real estate salesperson. Establishes new standards for conducting of real estate business and management of escrow or trust accounts.
Approved 6-1-78

H.B. 1170 -- Russell, 6th Dist., et al
Excludes auctioneers from the definition of itinerant vendors for purposes of regulation. Defines auctioneers as one who sells goods, merchandise, or property of any

LICENSES (continued)

H.B. 1170 (continued)

kind for another and regulates their licensure. Increase fees to be paid to the county clerk. Provisions for nonresident applicants and a reciprocity provision. Approved 5-29-78

LIQUOR

H.B. 978

-- Blassie, et al
Anyone holding an intoxicating liquor by the drink license may receive a temporary permit from the supervisor of liquor control, valid for a maximum of 120 hours, to furnish provisions and service for an event not on the licensed premises. The event must be in the same city as the city in which the licensed premises are located and cannot be a music festival licensed by a county. Permit fee is \$10 for each day or fraction thereof for which the permit is issued. Approved 4-25-78

MENTAL HEALTH

H.C.S. for S.B. 651

Establishes new procedure for the involuntary civil commitment of mentally disordered and mentally ill persons. When involuntary civil commitment is sought, area mental health coordinator conducts investigation and may order commitment to custody of mental health facility pending court review. Time limits established for custody of persons by mental health facility without court approval of commitment. Rights of committed persons established. Periodic evaluation of committed person required after commitment. Portion of bill effective January 2, 1979, emergency clause for remainder of bill. Approved 5-9-78

S.B. 652

-- Manford, et al
Department of mental health to prepare a state plan for comprehensive mental health services and establish local catchment areas of a defined geographic area. Any county which has one or more catchment areas within its boundaries or which is within the boundaries of a catchment area may levy tax with voter approval to provide community mental health services. Counties may contract with each other with community mental health centers, mental health claims, public facility or not-for-profit corporations for furnishing of community mental health services. Approved 6-14-78

S.B. 653

-- Welliver, et al
Supervisors of major facilities of the department of mental health need not be physicians but may be experienced health care administrators. Each such facility to also

MENTAL HEALTH (continued)

S.B. 653 (continued)

have a chief of medical staff who must be a licensed physician. Superintendents of major facilities have complete charge of the facility. Superintendents may employ, appoint and discharge employees of the facility subject to the approval of the division director and department director of the department of mental health. Heads of other than major facilities may have the same powers with respect to employees if the department director delegates these powers to them. All employment, appointment and discharges of employees are to conform to the provisions of the merit system. Approved 4-19-78

MINES AND MINING

H.B. 934 -- Baker

Land reclamation commission to adopt rules and regulations with regard to strip mining of coal in compliance with federal law. Such regulations shall apply to conducting strip mining, steep slope mining, restoration of lands, and procedures for granting variances. Emergency clause. Approved 5-3-78

MORTGAGES AND DEEDS

S.B. 665 -- Bradshaw

Starting time for running of twenty year statute of limitation on mortgages or deeds of trust recorded after January 1, 1979 when due date of last maturing obligation is not determinable on face of instrument to be: (1) recited date of execution of instrument, or (2) if no recited date, the date of acknowledgment of the instrument, or (3) if no recited date or acknowledgment date, the date of recording the instrument, or (4) if none of the above is known, the original date of the recorded instrument. Approved 6-13-78

MOTOR VEHICLES

S.B. 691 -- Tinnin

Motor vehicles used exclusively to transport cotton, cottonseed and cottonseed hulls are exempted from public service commission regulations. Approved 4-27-78

S.B. 814 Special fuel tax refund for auxiliary equipment powered by the same engine used to propel the motor vehicle on the highway may be claimed on basis of record of the special fuel consumed by the auxiliary equipment maintained in accordance with department of revenue regulations rather than based on metering device approved by director of revenue. Vetoed 6-15-78

MOTOR VEHICLES (continued)

- H.B. 1156 -- DeField
Increase fees of official inspection stations from \$3.50 to \$4.50 for all inspections except trailers and motorcycles which remain at \$3.50. Vetoed 6-15-78
- H.B. 1275 -- Blakely, et al
Director of revenue to issue temporary permit to nonresident buyers of motor vehicles to operate the vehicle for a period not to exceed 15 days in this state for a fee of \$10.00. Approved 6-7-78
- H.B. 1325 -- Nilges
Motor vehicles while being used solely by a group of employees commuting to and from their place of employment, if the vehicle is being driven by a member of the group, shall be exempt from provisions of law concerning regulation of motor carriers and express companies by public service commission. Approved 6-1-78

NURSING AND BOARDING HOMES

- H.B. 1036 -- Sharpe
County courts or township boards may lease nursing homes to profit as well as not-for-profit corporations or other persons. County courts may also convey county nursing homes to any nursing home district, provided the nursing home district does not prohibit county residents from admission and the nursing home district performs the duties of the county nursing home governing body provided by law. Consideration for this conveyance may consist of assumption of outstanding valid indebtedness against the facility. In no event shall the consideration be used other than to retire the debt. Approved 6-12-78
- H.B. 1208 -- Kaye
Voters in each nursing home district shall vote for only one director from his own election district rather than six directors, one from each district. When nursing home district is dissolved, money is to be paid into general revenue fund of the county or counties in the district rather than rebated to taxpayers. Approved 6-15-78
- H.B. 1769 -- Griffin
Nursing home districts may issue and sell revenue bonds to provide funds for constructing, acquiring, equipping and furnishing nursing homes and related facilities, which are to be payable out of operating proceeds of the facility. Provides for type of bonds, amounts, rate of interest and form. County courts and township boards given same authorization. Approved 6-13-78

PHYSICIANS

- S.B. 624 -- Murray, et al
Removes restriction against physicians advertising or soliciting patronage so long as it is not done in a manner as to confuse, deceive, or mislead the public as to the need or necessity for or appropriateness of health care services for all patients, or the qualification of an individual person or persons to diagnose, render, or perform health care services. Vetoed 6-15-78
- H.B. 884 Student loan program, see "Schools, Higher Education"
- H.B. 1492 -- Fickle
Any medical technician who successfully completes a course in eye enucleation is authorized to carry out the appropriate procedure for removing an eye or part thereof while acting under supervision. Approved 6-7-78

PODIATRY

- S.B. 671 -- Uthlaut
State benefits to eligible needy persons for medical assistance to be paid for services of podiatrists and for drugs and medicines prescribed by a podiatrist. Approved 6-15-78

POLICE

- H.C.S. for S.C.S. for S.B. 508
Compensation and employment benefits for members of the Kansas City and St. Louis police departments are increased. Increase number of officers employed by the St. Louis police department. Emergency clause for those sections of the bill relating only to the St. Louis police department. Effective May 1, 1978 or upon governor's approval, whichever is later. Approved 4-27-78
- H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 879 and 899
Establishes program of mandatory standards for the selection, training and certification of peace officers possessing power of arrest. Director of the Department of public safety to set standards and adopt regulations. Effective January 1, 1979, no person shall be employed or appointed as a peace officer unless certified or placed on probation in order to qualify within one year. Director of public safety shall approve and accredit training programs, schools, academies and instructors. No certification required for elected peace officer or official or peace officer employed by political subdivision with less than 2,000 population. Fees up to \$2.00 as court costs in cases for violation of general criminal laws to be used as funds for cost of training required. Effective 1-1-1979. Approved 5-30-78

PUBLIC DEFENDER

H.B. 1375 -- Sweeney, et al
Increases the salary of public defenders and assistants in Jackson and St. Louis counties, and the city of St. Louis, and in all other circuits having public defenders, and raises the maximum amount of expenditures for funding the public defender program. Effective 7-1-1979.
Approved 6-12-78

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.C.S. for S.B. 961
Prohibits the levying and collection of state, county and city sales taxes and municipal gross receipts and license taxes on the amount of any temporary surcharge or rate increase imposed by a public utility, municipal electrical facility or rural electric cooperative in order to recover extraordinary costs due to the unavailability of coal or coal generated power.
Emergency clause. Terminates 1-31-79. Approved 3-24-78

S.C.S. for H.B. 1126
Joint municipal utility commission act. Allow municipalities to contract with each other for the establishment of a joint commission to effect development of water, gas, electric light works, heating and power plants, or production, distribution and transmission of electric power and energy. Provides for elections, bond issues and sales, and regulation by public service commission. Joint utility commission to be political subdivision. Effective date contingent on adoption of constitutional amendment by voters. Approved 6-13-78

RECORDS, PUBLIC

H.B. 882 -- Rothman, et al
The definition of "public governmental body" for purposes of the sunshine law is expanded to include any committee that reports to and is appointed by a body previously covered by the law and any corporation which performs a public function and has a primary purpose of contracting to engage in activities carried out pursuant to agreements with public governmental bodies. Urban redevelopment corporations that are privately owned, operated for profit and do not expend public funds are excluded from this definition. Public governmental bodies must meet in public sessions and maintain public records except in certain specific instances. Approved 4-19-78

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- S.B. 542 -- Mueller, et al
Changes various requirements and benefits for members of the St. Louis public school retirement system. Certain elections must be made by December 31, 1980. Retired education secretaries may work part-time or as a substitute not to exceed 360 hours per school year. Benefits for certain members of public school retirement systems in school districts with less than 75,000 population are modified. Approved 5-31-78
- S.B. 906 -- Dinger
A member of the public school teachers' retirement system may reinstate any forfeited creditable service by paying into the system the amount of any withdrawn accumulated contributions plus interest and working an additional seven years before retirement. A person employed full time as a teacher by the section of inmate education may receive credit for all service rendered to the section prior to the time employees of the section were eligible to be members of the system.
Approved 4-27-78
- H.B. 1503 -- Doll, et al
Kansas City school district teacher retirement system altered by lowering the minimum normal service retirement age for members under Plan B from 65 to 60 years of age, allowing any member regardless of age to retire after 30 years creditable service, and increase deductions from Plan B members earnable compensation from 3 to 5 percent. Approved 6-14-78

REVISION BILLS

- S.B. 738 -- Cox
Corrects a printer's error in H.B. 1362. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 739 -- Cox
Corrects technical errors in the title, enacting clause and body of H.B. 1393. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 742 -- Cox
Corrects title and text of S.B. 159 which purported to repeal and reenact section of law which had previously been repealed. Approved 5-3-78

REVISION BILLS (continued)

- S.B. 743 -- Cox
Corrects error in title and enacting clause of
H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 38, 219 and 244. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 744 Repeals and reenacts section 383.010 to incorporate
provisions of S.B. 245. S.B. 245 incorrectly repealed
said section, RSMo Supp. 1975, and should have read
RSMo Supp. 1976. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 745 -- Cox
Corrects defect in H.B. 48, which appeared to contain
two subjects. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 746 -- Cox
Corrects defect in H.B. 48, which appeared to contain
two subjects. Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 748 -- Cox
Corrects error in title and enacting clause of H.B. 665.
Approved 5-3-78
- S.B. 749 -- Cox
Corrects error in title and enacting clause of H.B. 341.
Approved 5-3-78

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

- H.B. 1785 -- Russell, 6th Dist.
Any tract of land, that a person desires to connect, by
a private road, to a public road for a strict necessity,
must be located within this state. Makes a requirement
clear that heretofore was probably implied.
Approved 5-29-78

SALES TAX

- S.B. 490 -- Merrell, et al
Sales tax brackets readjusted to allow for collection
of conservation sales tax without overcharging in lower
brackets. Permits cities to levy seven-eighths of one
percent city sales tax. Effective for all taxable
sales occurring after December 31, 1978. Approved 6-12-78
- H.B. 893 -- Feigenbaum, et al
All sales of insulin, prosthetic or orthopedic devices,
and drugs legally dispensed by a licensed pharmacist
under prescription, are exempted from the provisions of
the state sales tax law. Effective 1-1-1979
Approved 6-14-78
- H.B. 1189 -- Donley, et al
Repeals prohibition against city, town or village having a
population less than 500 from levying, imposing or

SALES TAX (continued)

H.B. 1189 (continued)

collecting a city sales tax. Approved 5-30-78

S.S. for H.B. 1642

Cities that are only partly within St. Louis county may levy a city sales tax in that part of the city that is not in St. Louis county. The city also will receive the county sales tax collected in the part of the city located in St. Louis county. (Pacific, Mo.) Emergency clause. Approved 1-31-78

SCHOOLS

S.B. 954

-- Gannon, et al

School districts are eligible for all of their state aid if they make up the first 10 days cancelled due to inclement weather. In all future years, school districts must schedule at least two-thirds as many make-up days as lost in the previous school year. The districts also remain eligible for all of their state aid in future years if they make up the first 8 days cancelled due to inclement weather and half the number of days cancelled in excess of 8 days. Emergency clause. Approved 4-12-78

H.B. 969

-- Lybyer, et al

Allows local school districts, by authorizing additional levy, to provide for transportation for pupils living less than one mile from school by a majority vote. No state aid will be paid for these students. Adds students attending accredited vocational and prevocational courses to those eligible to receive transportation. Board of education in Greene county may provide transportation for students living less than one mile from school if parents or guardian agree to pay cost. Approved 6-12-78

H.B. 1262

-- Barry

Members of school boards in 1st class counties shall meet on the 4th Tuesday of April instead of 2nd Tuesday at a place designated by the secretary. Secretary of the county school board shall be designated by the board and serve a one year term beginning on July 1st following appointment. Approved 6-13-78

H.C.S. for H.B. 1822

The state tax commission must certify new tax ratios to the department of elementary and secondary education by April 1, 1978, to replace those the commission previously submitted in 1978 for year 1977. The newly certified ratios are to be used in determining distributions of school foundation funds and the previous ratios are to be disregarded. Emergency clause. Approved 3-22-78

SCHOOLS-HIGHER EDUCATION

- S.B. 703 -- Banks, et al
Governor to appoint board of regents to assume, on behalf of state, general control and management of Harris-Stowe college in St. Louis. St. Louis board of education to deed college over to state. College to continue to be undergraduate college with primary emphasis in elementary and urban education and not to become comprehensive liberal arts institution. State to provide funds for operation and capital improvements. Approved 5-31-78
- H.B. 884 -- Griffin, et al
Establish a loan program for resident students working toward a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy degree. The maximum amount of the loan is to be \$6,000 per academic year. At least one-half of the loans are to go to students from rural areas. Loans bear interest of nine and one-half percent, but one-fourth of the interest and principal is to be forgiven for each year the student practices in a rural area or area of defined need. Repayment of the loan to begin with the calendar year after the student's residency or internship. Approved 4-28-78
- H.B. 891 -- Goode, et al
State assistance to students program expanded to include students attending any institution of post-secondary education including a university, college, vocation and technical school, and other institutions approved for purposes of participation in the Mo. guaranteed student loan program by the United States commissioner of education. Eligible lenders expanded to include any savings and loan association, bank, credit union, insurance company, pension fund, eligible educational institution lender or federal student loan marketing association. Mo. coordinating board for higher education to determine policies of program, promulgate rules and regulations, act as administrative agency for implementation of program, determine policy of collection, including use of private collection agencies, and recovery of loans. Board may adopt regulations concerning efforts of lenders to collect, any assistance lenders need to collect, and the extension of guaranty in consideration of duty in the armed forces, unemployment or hardship. Approved 5-9-78
- H.B. 1691 -- Russell, 58th Dist., et al
Board of curators of University of Missouri authorized to develop a college of optometry at the St. Louis campus. Coordinating board for higher education authorized to enter into agreement with other states

SCHOOLS-HIGHER EDUCATION (continued)

H.B. 1691 (continued)

for establishment of a regional college of optometry with operating funds beyond those available from federal or other nonstate sources to be borne by states on prorata per student basis, but students may not be accepted until agreement with other states is executed. Approved 5-4-78

H.B. 1735

-- Betz

Definition of "approved public institution" in financial assistance program, expanded to insure that if an institution is a junior college created pursuant to the provisions relating to two year colleges, that it meets the standards established by the coordinating board for higher education for such public junior colleges. Approved 6-8-78

SECRETARY OF STATE

S.B. 755

-- Manford, et al

Increases various fees collected by the state for services specified by statute to be performed by the secretary of state. Approved 6-7-78

SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

C.C.S. for S.S. for S.C.S. for H.S. for H.B. 1650

Restores common law doctrine of sovereign immunity for tort claims against the state and its political subdivisions as it existed prior to the Supreme Court of Missouri case which declared the doctrine unconstitutional, except in instances where injuries result from negligent acts or omissions by public employees operating motor vehicles in course of employment, and when injuries are caused by dangerous conditions on the public entities property. Provides for purchase of insurance for tort claims and limits amount of single claims. In addition it allows any three or more political subdivisions to form a business entity for purposes of purchasing liability insurance and regulates their activities. Approved 6-8-78

ST. LOUIS CITY

H.C.S. for S.C.S. for S.B. 508 -- See "Police"

S.B. 542 -- Teachers, See "Retirement Benefits"

S.B. 581

-- Dirck, et al

Extends expiration date of Missouri-St. Louis Metropolitan Airport Authority to December 31, 1980. Approved 6-8-78

S.B. 623 -- Jury commissioner -- See "Juries"

ST. LOUIS CITY (continued)

S.B. 622 -- Murphy, et al
Deputy jury commissioners in St. Louis city are given a pay increase until April 30, 1979. After that date, salaries and job classifications are to be determined according to city merit system rules. Approved 4-25-78

S.B. 700 -- Scott, et al
Increases compensation for assistant circuit attorneys and other employees of the St. Louis city circuit attorney. Approved 5-31-78

SUNDAY SALES

H.B. 1043 -- Allen, et al
Cass and Buchanan counties are permitted to exempt themselves from the provisions of the Sunday blue law if the voters of the county approve. Upon majority vote of the members of the governing body of a county or upon a petition signed by 80 percent of the votes cast in the preceding gubernatorial election may cause the proposition to be placed on the ballot. Revisor of statutes to note which counties are exempt in the Missouri Revised Statutes. Approved 4-25-78

TAXATION AND REVENUE

S.C.S. for H.B. 1624
Street light maintenance district boards may fix rate of levy, for expenses of districts, which shall not exceed 20 cents on the \$100 assessed valuation. Any increase in current tax levy must be approved by a majority of voters. Board of directors may submit to voters or may be submitted upon petition of 500 registered voters. Emergency clause. Approved 5-31-78

TREASURER, STATE

S.C.S. for H.C.S. for H.B. Nos. 896 and 897 -- Abandoned property, see "Financial Institutions"

H.B. 1218 -- Nilges, et al
Create the general revenue fund, federal grant program fund and state institutions gift trust fund in the state treasury. Gifts to institutions of higher education are exempted from these funds. All persons receiving state appropriations are to make monthly reports to the House and Senate appropriations committees and the committee on state fiscal affairs. Effective 7-1-78. Approved 4-19-78

TREASURER, STATE (continued)

H.B. 1219 -- Nilges

A central check mailing service revolving fund is established in the state treasury to be administered by the state treasurer. Any unencumbered balance in the fund in excess of \$50,000 at the end of a fiscal year reverts to the general revenue fund.

Approved 4-19-78

H.C.S. for H.B. 1550

Create Missouri state surplus property clearing fund in the state treasury to be used for conducting surplus property sales. Approved 4-25-78

VITAL STATISTICS

H.B. 1038 -- Sharpe

Fees of local registrars shall be paid by the state from funds appropriated for that purpose. The state registrar shall certify the fees to the commissioner of administration. Effective 1-1-1979. Approved 6-12-78

WATER RESOURCES

S.B. 509 -- Wiggins, et al

Department of natural resources to establish and enforce program for the maintenance of public drinking water supplies, including testing, investigating, analyzing and regulating local public water supplies. Establish safe drinking water fund in the state treasury. Penalties for violation of water standards. Expires January 1, 1982. Approved 6-12-78

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

S.S. for S.C.S. for H.B. 1260

Increases weekly benefits for employees being rehabilitated, and increases maximum compensation allowable from \$95 to \$115 a week. Also expands coverage of type of employees covered under workmen's compensation law by repealing distinction between major and minor employers and whether they have to elect coverage under the act. Approved 6-13-78